

Program 032

**SPI - Elementary & Secondary School Improvement****Recommendation Summary**

Dollars in Thousands

	Annual FTEs	General Fund State	Other Funds	Total Funds
<b>2003-05 Expenditure Authority</b>			42,817	42,817
<b>Total Maintenance Level</b>			22,084	22,084
Difference			(20,733)	(20,733)
Percent Change from Current Biennium			(48.4)%	(48.4)%
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>			22,084	22,084
Difference			(20,733)	(20,733)
Percent Change from Current Biennium			(48.4)%	(48.4)%
<b>Total Proposed Budget by Activity</b>				
Curriculum and Instruction - Programs			19,344	19,344
Curriculum and Instruction - State Coordination				
Highly Capable Student Education				
Readiness to Learn			2,740	2,740
Student Health				
<b>Total Proposed Budget</b>			22,084	22,084

**ACTIVITY DESCRIPTIONS****Curriculum and Instruction - Programs**

The agency's Curriculum and Instruction Division administers programs that provide additional curriculum and instruction resources to districts to enhance the learning experience of students statewide. This activity includes programs such as LASER, Pacific Science Center, and Cispus.

**Curriculum and Instruction - State Coordination**

The OSPI Curriculum and Instruction Division works with the Assessment and Research Division to support curriculum, assessment, and instructional alignment in Washington schools. Technical assistance is provided to school districts and educational service districts (ESDs) regarding curriculum, program development, and research-based best practices/instructional strategies that support state K-12 learning goals. The division is responsible for developing the Essential Academic Learning Requirements (EALRs) and aligning them with the WASL test. The division coordinates with the regional ESDs to provide curricular documents relating to the EALRs.

**Highly Capable Student Education**

The state funds school districts' programs of enriched instruction for highly capable or "gifted" students. Districts use a variety of methods to select and serve highly capable students. The Legislature provides funding for up to 2 percent of the student population or about 19,000 students.

**Readiness to Learn**

Readiness to Learn is a competitive grant program that funds collaborations among schools and community agencies to link education and human service providers together in an effort to ensure that all children start each school day prepared to learn. It is designed to help children be successful at school; safe in their neighborhoods and at school; healthy and free from tobacco, alcohol, and other drugs; and able to access work and training. There are over 20 consortia that serve approximately 300 schools.

### **Student Health**

OSPI provides statewide guidance on health issues to Washington state schools and students. Programs provide various levels of service, including ensuring that students have access to health care professionals at schools and the promotion of healthy decision making during early adulthood. In addition, statewide technical assistance for federal and state programs are included in this activity. Programs include the Nursing Corps and the Teen Aware Program.